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Applicants: Antony F. Grattan, et al.

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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR SEVERING  
PIPE UTILIZING A MULTI-POINT INITIATION  
EXPLOSIVE DEVICE

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 16, 2005, Applicants respectfully request the following amendments to the above-identified application as follows. The changes made are shown by underlining the added text and striking through the deleted text in bold.

**Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.**

**Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.**

**Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.**